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In the Application of )

Romeo Bucher, et al. )

for METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR )  
WELDING METAL SHEETS )

Group Art Unit: 3742

Serial No: 09/913,984 )

Our Docket No: 2821-211 WOUS

Filed On: December 27, 2001 )

*Hartford, Connecticut, March 8, 2002*

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REQUEST FOR CORRECTION OF FILING RECEIPT

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Attached herewith is a copy of the Filing Receipt in connection with the above-identified application on which an error has been noted and is indicated in red.

The city of residence for inventor Romeo Bucher is incorrect and should read as follows:

**Romeo Bucher, Uhwiesen, SWITZERLAND**

With respect to the issuance of the filing date of December 27, 2001 under the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements. Applicant requests reconsideration of the filing date in light of mail delays due to the interruption of service experienced on or about October 21, 2001. Enclosed is a copy of Applicant's Response to Notification of Missing Requirements

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under 35 U.S.C. §371 dated October 22, 2001. Also enclosed is a copy of the return receipt postcard. Applicant respectfully submits that the outstanding requirements for 37 U.S.C. §371 were completely satisfied by the applicant's Response to Notification of Missing Requirements mailed via first class mail on October 22, 2001. Accordingly, applicants respectfully request correction of the filing date now inaccurately given as December 27, 2001.

The issuance of a corrected Filing Receipt incorporating these corrections is respectfully requested.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this request. If any fee is due, however, applicant respectfully requests the fees be charged to Deposit Order Account No. 13-0325.

Respectfully submitted,

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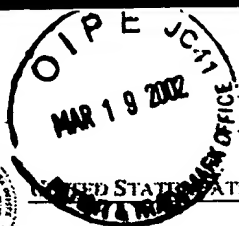
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<u>12/27/2001</u>	<u>12/27/2001</u>
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A Filing Receipt (PTO-103X) will be issued for the present application in due course. **THE DATE APPEARING ON THE FILING RECEIPT AS THE " FILING DATE" IS THE DATE ON WHICH THE LAST OF THE 35 U.S.C. 371 REQUIREMENTS HAS BEEN RECEIVED IN THE OFFICE. THIS DATE IS SHOWN ABOVE.** The filing date of the above identified application is the international filing date of the international application (Article 11(3) and 35 U.S.C. 363). Once the Filing Receipt has been received, send all correspondence to the Group Art Unit designated thereon.

The following items have been received:

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ROMEO BUCHER et al.	:	Date: 22 October 2001
Serial No. 09/913,984	:	Group Art Unit: <i>Not Yet Available</i>
Filed On: 17 August 2001	:	Examiner: <i>Not Yet Available</i>

TITLE: Method and Device for Welding Sheets

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RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §371

Dear Sir:

In the Notification of Missing Requirements sent by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office and dated 12 October 2001, the USPTO indicated that an oath or declaration must be provided along with the requisite fee. Applicants enclosed herewith: (1) an executed declaration and power of attorney; and (2) a check in the amount of \$130 in full payment of

the requisite fee. Applicant believes the enclosed payment is sufficient to cover the requisite fee. In the event the enclosed payment is insufficient, or an additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Order Account No. 13-0235.

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